IN THE HIGH COURT OF ORISSA AT CUTTACK
WP(C) No.7667 of 2025

Pravat Mahali & Ors. ..... ***Petitioners***

Represented By Adv. –
Mr. A.Jamal, Mr.
L.Panigrahi, Sr.Adv.

-versus-

State Of Odisha and others ..... ***Opposite Parties***

Represented By Adv. –
Mr. U.C.Jena, A.S.C. Ms
Saswat Das ,aga

CORAM:
THE HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ADITYA KUMAR MOHAPATRA

ORDER
15.05.2025

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04. 1. This matter is taken up through Hybrid Arrangement (Virtual/ Physical Mode).

2. Learned counsel for the State furnished a copy of instruction dated 25.03.2025 of the Special Secretary to Government Home, (D&A) Department. On perusal of the said instruction, it appears that in the meeting which was held on 25.03.2025 under the Chairmanship of the Chief Minister in presence of the learned Advocate General, Chief Secretary, Addl. Secretary to the Government Home, D.G. Police, Chairman, Odisha State Selection Board, it was decided that as a benevolent measure, three years upper age relaxation shall be allowed for each category of candidates who had applied and appeared in the written examination for the post of Sepoys and Constables notified vide advertisement dated

22.09.2024. The said instruction further reveals that the aforesaid relaxation has been granted as a modify measure.

3. Learned Counsel appearing for the Petitioners on the other hand contended that although relaxation of upper age limit has been granted for specific candidates participated in the recruitment for appointment to the post of Sepoys and Constables. However, such benefits has not been extended to the candidates who are appearing for recruitment to the post of S.I. Learned counsel for the petitioners further on instruction submitted that the matter is under active consideration of the State Government. In such view of the matter, list this matter in the week commencing 23rd June, 2025.

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4. Heard.

5. As an interim it is directed that the petitioners shall be allowed to participate in the recruitment examination irrespective of their age, however such result shall not be published without the leave of this Court till the next date.

(Aditya Kumar Mohapatra)
Judge

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